UPDATE

Isaac letter avoids reference to gays

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Bar association had requested special welcome from the mayor

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Mayor Robert Isaac has refused to extend a special greeting to gay and lesbian lawyers — a welcome the Colorado Bar Association wanted before coming to the city for a convention this fall.

In so doing, Isaac effectively has told the bar association he won't give in to the group's threat to cancel its October meeting in Colorado Springs unless it received such an official welcoming letter.

Isaac: "Committed to ensuring . . . warm reception."

Isaac sent the association a letter on Tuesday, saying the city was pleased to host the convention. He added: "Our citizens are committed to ensuring that our visitors receive a warm reception and special hospitality. On behalf of the City Council, I extend to each of your members a cordial welcome."

He declined to elaborate. "The letter says what it says," Isaac said. "It says we welcome them."

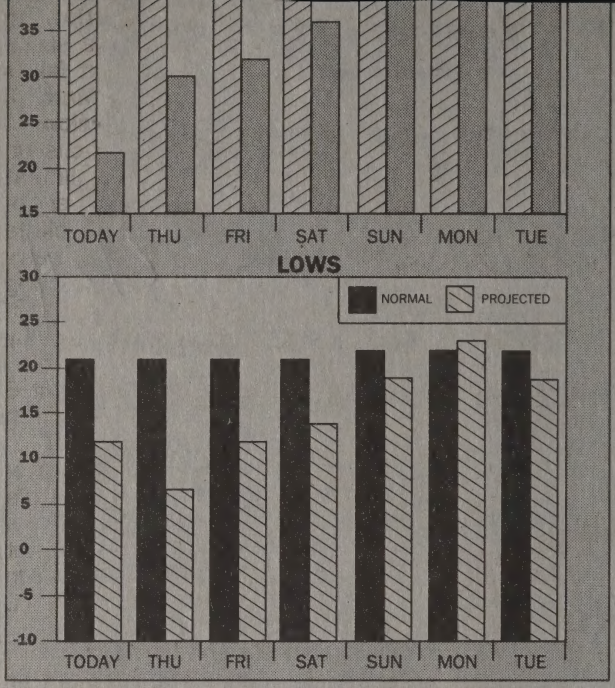
Such letters to conventioneers are common, but the bar association's request was loaded with politics.

The group wanted Isaac to welcome all of its 12,000 members regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, handicap, religion, marital status or sexual orientation.

The last reference was meant to allay concerns of gay and lesbian lawyers about coming to Colorado Springs, the birthplace of Amendment 2. The measure, which Isaac supports, would ban laws prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals because of their sexual orientation.

City Council members who read the letter had no objection. The bar association had no comment.

But its leadership is to meet today to review the letter — and possibly discuss whether to yank its convention from the city that's hosted it for most of the past 75 years.



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TODAY'S RECORDS

HIGH ..... 71° (1986) **LOW** .....-5° (1955)

Road conditions: Call State Patrol 635-7623

2 a.m.	18	SE
3 a.m.	18	SE
4 a.m.	19	S
5 a.m.	17	SE
6 a.m.	18	SE
7 a.m.	19	SE
8 a.m.	20	S
9 a.m.	21	S
10 a.m.	26	S
11 a.m.	28	SE
Noon	30	S
1 p.m.	33	S
2 p.m.	34	SE
3 p.m.	34	SE
4 p.m.	33	S
5 p.m.	32	S

PRECIPITATION

24 hours to 5 p.m. yesterday
Total for month to date .....
Normal for month to date .....
Total this year to date .....
Normal for year to date .....
Snow today .....
Snow season to date .....

HIGH/LOW (as of 5

High Yesterday .....
Low Yesterday .....

SUN

Sunrise today .....
Sunset today .....
Sunrise tomorrow .....

COLORADO FORECAST

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS: Mostly cloudy today with rain, snow and ice. Highs 5-37. Cloudy tonight with times of snow. Lows -5 to 20.

FRONT RANGE: Cloudy and quite cold today with times of snow. Highs 22-33. Brisk and cold tonight with additional snow. Lows 12-20.

WESTERN SLOPE: Cloudy today with valley rain and snow showers as well as mountain snow. Highs 35-48. Snow showers tonight. Lows 14-27.

EASTERN PLAINS: Cloudy and quite cold today with periods of snow. Highs 26-36. Brisk and cold tonight with more snow. Lows 15-24.

City	Yest.		Today		Tr
Akron	36	10pc	27	15sn	37
Alamosa	38	4s	38	17sn	35
Aspen	39	23c	36	16sn	29
Denver	42	18s	25	12sn	30
Durango	37	5pc	42	21sn	38
Eagle	37	18sf	37	18sn	34
Fort Collins	33	20pc	23	12sf	32
Grand Junction	47	30pc	48	27sn	42
Gunnison	31	16pc	33	11sn	29
La Junta	46	19s	36	24sn	43
Leadville	13	-6pc	5	-5c	15
Limon	33	13s	27	15sn	36
Pueblo	45	12s	30	20sn	37
Rifle	44	25c	44	25sn	38
Trinidad	53	13s	33	17sn	39

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